



METROPOLITAN FIRE MARSHAL'S ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: February 11, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:03 A.M.

Guests: Laclede Gas: Mark Szpatoski; Cintas: Jamie Wiest; Insurance & Commercial Remodeling (ICS): Harlen Hunter; Steamatic: Kevin Picha, Steven Bierman

Attendees:

Roger Herin	Monarch FPD	Denis Drozkowski	Maryland Heights FPD
Teresa Cross	Mehlville FPD	Jim Koenen	Twilight Fire
Mark Heberlein	MO Dept. of Fire Safety	Russ Todd	City of Maplewood
Brian Leuthauser	Valley Park FPD	Bill Fox	Shrewbury FD
Barry West	MO Dept. of Fire Safety	David Phipps	Metro West FPD
Marc Uises	Fontenac FD	John LaVenture	St. Louis FSA
Art Oestereich	Creve Coeur FPD	Tom Pinz	Cintas Fire Protection
Lloyd Montgomery	Rock Community FPD	Mike Henke	Potter Electric
Dennis L. Woods	City of Creve Coeur	Leo Meyer	Kirkwood FD
Bryan Kopp	City of Des Peres	Dan Abert	Yale Enforcement
John Bennett	Guarantee Electrical	Ben von Harz	Missouri American Water
Dan Flynn	Firestoppers	Chris Gaut	NFSA
Wally Miller	St. Louis FSA	Tom Sagehorn	Engineering Evaluations
Ed Berkel	Mehlville FPD	Paul Mercurio	Clayton FD
Tony Simpson	St. Louis County	Gene Robertson, Jr.	High Ridge FPD
Sue Smith	Twilight Fire	Anthony Lancia	AGC of St. Louis
Lance Kennerly	Fire Safety, Inc.	Lou Hecht	Fenton FPD

Treasurer's Report: Read and approved. Remaining balance as of January 31, 2009 is \$8,135.56. This does not include the purchase of the laptop computers for the Treasurer and Secretary, which will be reflected in next months report.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved

New Members: The following were read for new member approval. A motion was made and seconded for approval.

1st Reading: High Ridge FPD: Dave Miller City of St. Louis: Frank Oswald, Ed Ware, Gerard Wessels Wentzville Fire Prot. Dist.: Joe Heitkamp

2nd Reading: City of Clayton: Steve Askins, Dan Meehan, Jack Schenk, Mark Thorp High Ridge FPD: Gene Robertson Kirkwood FD: Leo Meyer FireTech: Rich Fasching

Membership Report: 29 members paid for 2009; 73 members left who paid 2008; 5 for 1st reading; 7 for 2nd reading. **Note:** Due to transition issues, I am finding that there are some members who, for some reason are not on the list but are known to have paid in 2008. All members are reminded to send in their renewals if not already done.

Communications: None

Committee Reports:

Fire Chiefs: John LaVenture – The training tower at the fire academy needs work; State mutual aid was discussed regarding the ice storm in southeast Missouri; The proposal for a state fire code was discussed (HB205 and SB220); Firefighter Day at the Capitol was discussed.

Education Committee: John LaVenture – The following education events were discussed:

1. IFC Plan Review class as taught by Steve Gettemeier and Jason Webb sponsored by the Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc. at the Arnold Elks Club on February 18;
2. Five different sprinkler classes sponsored by St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance and NFSA at the Sprinkler Fitters Local 268 Training Center on March 3 through 5;
3. Firestopping class sponsored by MABOI, Firestoppers, LLC and Viking Sprinkler Products at Des Peres on February 19
4. Missouri Shooter's Certification class sponsored by Twilight Fire & Illusions, LLC at Valley Park City Hall on March 21.

State Fire Marshals: Roger Herin – Meeting was held Friday February 6 at Columbia, MO at Winter Fire School site. Firefighter Day at the Capitol was discussed, and attendance by all is encouraged to increase visibility of the fire service due to possible budget cuts in the State Fire Marshal's office. A "train-the-trainer" fireworks class will be presented on April 15 after the FMAM meeting, which will be at 9:00 A.M. – everyone is encouraged to attend. The swimming pool issue was discussed – State Fire Marshal Cole is requesting information on certain swimming pools including those rented out for parties, subdivisions charging fees for non-residents, etc. – contact Fire Marshal Cole for details. A proposal by NFSA for 13D sprinkler system designer requirements was discussed.

State ICC Chapter: Paul Richards – No report.

MABOI: Bryan Kopp – Firestopping class was discussed further; The education page of the MABOI website has been updated, and the education schedule is available; A CBO Institute will be coming soon.

ICC: Ed Berkel – Ed outlined significant code development changes that are taking place; Bob Neal is the new ICC governmental rep for our district. There was also some discussion of ethics rules under discussion at ICC. There was more general discussion regarding ICC issues.

Jefferson County Fire Marshals Assoc.: Lloyd Montgomery – The website has been updated; Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday each month – check the website for locations, as they change each month to accommodate all districts and departments in Jefferson County; Lloyd also discussed the plan review class further.

Laclede Gas: Ron Chac – No report.

Missouri American Water: Ben Von Harz – Had meetings with the Public Service Commission. The split system design as discussed at our last meeting has been approved. The fee schedule is being revised to significantly reduce and/or eliminate certain fees.

St. Louis Sprinkler Alliance: Wally Miller – The side-by-side burn schedule is being done – get on it if you wish to schedule a burn. PLEASE notify Wally or John LaVenture of any and all sprinkler saves!! Wally was commended for the news spot he did on FOX2 News regarding the sprinkler system donated by St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Alliance to the fraternity house that burned resulting in a fire death. Wally gave a report on how the donation came about and how the mother of the victim played a part in getting the job done and spreading the word.

AAGSL: Dan Abert – MJ Vance is the newly elected President. The website has been updated. Training programs are on schedule, including the apprentice program. An apprentice program for firefighters will be available.

Code Review: Steve Gettemeier or John LaVenture – No report.

By-Laws: Roger Herin – Finalizing proposed changes – hope to have them ready for voting in May.

Old Business: None

New Business: Tony Simpson has the task of compiling a contact list for emergency management. He has contacted most of the municipalities, but needs information from fire districts. The NFSA proposal for 13D designer requirements was discussed further.

Barry West gave a report on several legislative issues including HB98 dealing with novelty lighters, HB202 & SB119 dealing with 911 funding/cell phones, HB 204 dealing with tax credits for volunteer firefighters, HB580 dealing with line-of-duty deaths, HB378 & SB247 dealing with a state fire and building code proposal. Barry also relayed thanks for the letter in support of re-appointing Randy Cole.

John LaVenture discussed the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalitions education tab on the website which has great education modules for all ages.

Paul Mercurio discussed an article in the January issue of Firehouse by "Ozzie" and recommended all to read it. Paul will send the link to the membership.

Roundtable: Bill Fox stated that Shrewsbury was "gigged" on their building department ISO rating because they hadn't adopted the Wildland/Urban Interface Code and the National Fuel Gas Code. A lot of discussion ensued regarding building department ISO rating requirements.

Dan Flynn brought up a concern regarding treatment of penetrations and curtain wall spaces in nonrated assemblies. There was a whole lot of discussion on this subject. It was recommended that we all research the codes and come to a consensus on how to deal with this issue.

Anthony Lancia requested that all jurisdictions send him updated information on code requirements and changes. He inquired if the jurisdictions would be interested in participating in a web-based information source.

Good of the Order: The high attendance was noted, and it was discussed whether or not to look into a larger room for our meetings.

Announcements:

NOTICE: The April meeting has been canceled to accommodate those members wishing to attend Firefighter Day at the Capitol.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2009

Program/Presentation: Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing program presented by Mark Szpatoski of Laclede Gas.

Adjournment: (time not noted)

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Herin, MCP
Secretary